THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Since nutritional security is part and parcel of the food security, the State Governments/UTs have been requested in the Regional Conferences held recently on strengthening the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), to consider launching pilot projects for introduction of fortified atta for BPL and Antyodaya families in the tribal/the districts where malnutrition is high. Under the Centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, which is being implemented through the State Governments, supplementary nutrition is provided to Children below 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers.

Norms for non-carbonated drinks

1845. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards is thinking to evolve norms for non-carbonated drinks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of carbonated drinks that are available in the market with BIS certification;

(d) whether the BIS norms are at per with international standards; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Bureau of Indian Standards does not have any proposal for formulating standards for non-carbonated drinks.

(c) to (e) None of the Carbonated drinks available in the market bear BIS certification.